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As District Attorney sends message to drug dealers

Manslaughter arrests related to Fentanyl announced by Coffee County law officials

Twelfth Judicial Circuit District Attorney James Tarbox and other local officials held a press conference Tuesday, Dec. 17, to discuss arrests made recently for manslaughter related to the drug Fentanyl.

Tarbox was joined at the press conference held in Enterprise by Lt. David McGowan from the State Bureau of Investigation, Enterprise Police Chief Michael Moore, Coffee County Sheriff Scott Byrd, and Coffee County Corner Arnold Woodham.

"We are here today to talk about Fentanyl and to announce arrests for the charge of manslaughter in multiple recent Coffee County Fentanyl overdose deaths," Tarbox said. "During the 2023 Legislative session, the Alabama State Legislature passed a new law that allows for the charge of manslaughter when a person, usually a drug dealer, provides Fentanyl or a drug containing Fentanyl, to a person that takes the drug and then dies of an overdose. The law at that time had a technical defect, and in 2024 the Legislature fixed the law."

He said the manslaughter charge for a fentanyl overdose became effective April 23rd of this year.

"In late summer we had a meeting of the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force where I made my thoughts on this law known, which were that I didn't think we would be using it much around here," Tarbox said. "Then, people starting dying of Fentanyl overdoses."

Since late August, the district attorney there had been approximately 15 Fentanyl overdose deaths in the 12th Judicial Circuit. Per standard protocols, toxicology and/or full autopsies were conducted on each death. In every instance, Tarbox said the deceased person's blood contained Fentanyl and Xylazine.

Xylazine, also known as Tranq, and is animal sedative. It is generally associated with large animals such as horses. The addition of Xylazine to Fentanyl makes the Fentanyl significantly stronger in the body and makes it much less likely that Narcan and other medicines meant to stop overdoses will be successful.

"On Sept. 11, Enterprise Police and Enterprise Rescue responded to the residence of Harrison Parker," Tarbox said. "Coroner Woodham pronounced Parker deceased

at 2:13 a.m. At the scene there was evidence of Fentanyl use by Parker. Toxicology reports confirmed death by Fentanyl toxicity with Xylazine present."

"If you decide to deal fentanyl and it causes someone to die of an overdose, law enforcement will work the case. They will track you. They will do everything they can to develop probable cause and arrest you," he said. "When they do, our office will do everything to get you sent where you belong—straight to prison."

As part of the investigation into his death, he said Parker's cell phone was recovered and analyzed. The analysis of Parker's text messages and location on Sept. 10th led Enterprise Police to a person of interest. That individual was interviewed multiple times. Tarbox said it was determined there was probable cause to arrest

Jashun Jones for providing the Fentanyl taken by Harrison Parker that caused his death. Jones was arrested on the charge of manslaughter on Friday, Dec. 13, at the Coffee County Jail where he was already incarcerated on an unrelated charge.

On Oct. 4, inmate Eric Hicks was found unresponsive in his cell at the Coffee County Jail during the breakfast hour. "Coffee County Jail staff and Sheriff's Deputies followed protocols and procedures and requested medics from Enterprise Rescue," Tarbox said. "Hicks was deceased prior to their arrival. Based upon the condition of his body, he had likely been deceased for several hours in his cell during quiet hours."

He said standard protocol with any jail death is for the State Bureau of Investigation to be called in to investigate the death, and SBI agents were called to the jail.

An oral swab drug test on Hicks proved positive for Fentanyl.

"The SBI investigation revealed that inmate Michael Stroncione was arrested by the Enterprise Police Department on Oct. 3rd and booked into the jail after lights out," Tarbox said. "Hicks had been in a cell by himself, and Stroncione was placed in the cell with Hicks. Unfortunately, Stroncione was able to sneak multiple Fentanyl pills into the jail undetected. He provided some of these pills to Hicks, and Hicks ingested them."

An autopsy concluded that Hicks' cause of death was Fentanyl toxicity and Xylazine toxicity, according to the district attorney.

Stroncione was arrested for manslaughter and promoting prison contraband on Friday, Dec. 13, at the Coffee County Jail where he was already incarcerated

on unrelated charges.

"I want to be clear that the Sheriff's Office has been nothing but transparent and fully cooperative in this matter," Tarbox added.

Tarbox said last week's press conference was to inform the public that officials are not letting these overdose deaths go and that law enforcement is doing the best it can to investigate, which has led to the two arrests announced.

"We want to inform the public there is currently a very dangerous drug on our streets in this community, and I'm sure other communities as well," Tarbox said. "Fentanyl is dangerous enough on its own. When mixed with Xylazine, it is an indiscriminate killer. If one person changes their mind about taking Fentanyl, then this press conference was worth it."

Also, the district attorney said a message was being sent to drug dealers.

"If you decide to deal fentanyl and it causes someone to die of an overdose, law enforcement will work the case. They will track you. They will do everything they can to develop probable cause and arrest you," he said. "When they do, our office will do everything to get you sent where you belong—straight to prison. I am sick and tired of people dying, and we will follow you to hell and back if it means we can hold you accountable for dealing this poison."



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE...Carl Sanders was recognized for six years of service as Coffee County Farmers Federation president Monday, Dec. 9, at the Alabama Farmers Federation's (AFF) 103rd Annual Meeting in Montgomery. Sanders, right, was presented a plaque by AFF President Jimmy Parnell.

Bicyclist killed in Dec. 15th Coffee County vehicle accident

A single-vehicle crash involving a bicyclist that occurred at approximately 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, claimed the life of a Level Plains man. The cyclist, Carlos Ernesto Gonzales Villega, age 46, was critically injured when the bicycle he was operating was struck by the 2005 Dodge Dakota driven by Marcelo Borjas Zempolteca, age 60, of Daleville. Villega was pronounced deceased at the scene. The crash occurred on U.S. 84 near the 185 mile marker, approximately one mile west of Enterprise, in Coffee County. Alabama State Troopers investigated.



Members of the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise and the Enterprise Rotary Club held a special needs Christmas party at the First Baptist Church in Enterprise. Members of the two clubs met one evening to purchase a gift from the wish lists for each person and then met the following week to wrap the gifts. LPCE members decorated the hall and placed the gifts under the Christmas tree. Individuals attending checked in upon arriving to get their name tag and a "goodie" basket filled with many special gifts. Singing of Christmas carols was followed by pizza, a Christmas tree cake and a drink. The highlight of the evening - Santa appeared and as each name was read, the gift was delivered to the individual. Individuals participating were: (from left) Caroline Gebhart, Brandy Woodham, Rhonda Welch, Debbie Godfrey, Sandra Danford, Fran Walters, Linda Peterson, Mona Hooper, Debbie Shelton, Leslie Adams, Carol Bass, Faith Whitehead, Gina Oats, Jane Baxley, Pat Green, and Bonnie Gilmore.

Three Elba BOE members among Alabama school board leaders to advance in AASB Academy training

Local school board members from southeast Alabama were among the honorees at the Alabama Association of School Boards' awards luncheon held Friday, Dec. 6, in Montgomery, Ala.

In all, 30 local school board members in AASB District 3 - included in 295 school board members statewide - were recognized for advancing in the School Board Member Academy, AASB's training program for school board members. The education leaders were honored for their commitment to ongoing professional development to deepen their understanding of edu-

cation issues and strengthen their boardmanship and leadership skills.

AASB has nine geographic districts. District 3 includes the school boards of Andalusia, Barbour County, Coffee County, Covington County, Crenshaw County, Dale County, Daleville, Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Geneva (City), Geneva County, Henry County, Houston County, Opp, Ozark, Pike County and Troy.

"AASB celebrates these dedicated members for their commitment to strengthening their leadership through AASB's School Board Member Academy," said AASB executive director Sally Smith. "Their dedication to professional growth and excellence sets a powerful example of service and passion for advancing public education."

The awards were presented as part of AASB's Annual Convention, which opened Dec. 5 with Delegate Assembly, the association's annual business meeting.

Sam Glenn, known as "The Attitude Guy," kicked off the event with his engaging and humorous insights on the power of attitude and its impact on leadership. The event, which drew more than 400 education leaders, also featured powerful keynotes from inspiring change advocate.

Ginny Burton, and celebrated educator, coach, author and motivational speaker, Willie Spears.

Below are the District 3 board members who achieved new levels during the School Board Member Academy's 2023-2024 training year, which began July 1, 2023, and ended June 30, 2024.

Level I (Requires 25 training hours)
• Debra Clark, Elba
• Brooke Smith, Geneva County
• Scott Hartley, Pike County
• Cathy Keck, Pike County
• Zachary Spann, Troy

Level II (Requires 50 training hours)

• Scott Childers, Dothan
• Lisa, Baine, Geneva County
• Tyrone, Watson, Henry County
• Mark, Kelley, Houston County

Level III (Requires 75 training hours)

• Christine George, Barbour County
• Steve Hermeling, Crenshaw County
• Amy Bonds, Dothan
• Aurie Jenkins, Dothan
• Twana Anderson, Eufaula
• Michael Booth, Geneva
• Tim McCraney, Henry County
• Scott Long, Houston County

Level I & II & III (Reached all levels in the same year)

• Tawanna Marks, Geneva
Level II & III & IV (Reached all levels in the same year)

• Miranda Russell, Elba
Level IV (Requires 100 training hours and all eight core cores in the Academy)
• Jimmie Fryer, Barbour County

Master (Requires Level IV plus 15 hours, including one additional core course)

• Sammy Glover, Andalusia, second time
• Shannon Deloney, Dale County, second time
• Brett Strickland, Dothan, second time
• Emanuel Davis, Henry County, second time
• Nicholas Bull, Ozark, second time
• DeAnn Grantham, Elba, third time
• Theresa Locke, Ozark, third time
• Earnest Green, Pike County, third time
• Greg Price, Pike County, ninth time

NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. Happy New Year's to all.

EDITORIAL



A GROUP OF ELBA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI GATHERED Friday, Nov. 15, in Auburn, Ala., to see the band Blind Skelton perform at University Station. The band is headed by Elba native, Bill Brueckner. Those attending were: [left to right] Regina Hudson de Corona, Gappa Wise, Mona Kelley Wise, Jennifer Hudson Dyess, Dina Salter Parker, Jennifer Farris Amlong, Jeannie Clark Burt, Lee English, Dollie Stoudemire McCall, Rolanda Jones, David Ammons, Kim Berry, Stephanie Crittenden Parrish, Bill Brueckner, Scott Brown, Tommy Holt and Lisa Jo Lindsey. Not pictured: Chris Cox

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024, through Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Dec. 17 – Vehicle accident reported at on Hwy 189 near Cty Rd 354 (7:17 a.m.); Civil disturbance reported at 977 County Rd 239 (10:24 a.m.); Trespassing/Unwanted Guest reported at 977 County Rd 239 (12:11 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Flournoy Dr and Neil Grantham Dr – w/arrest (3:32 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, and one citation.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 388 County Rd 263 (10:21 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 990 Hwy 203 (5:38

p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 990 Hwy 203 (6:05 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 5836 County Rd 364 (8:20 p.m.). Nineteen traffic stops resulted in 10 citations, seven written warnings, one arrest, and one verbal warning.

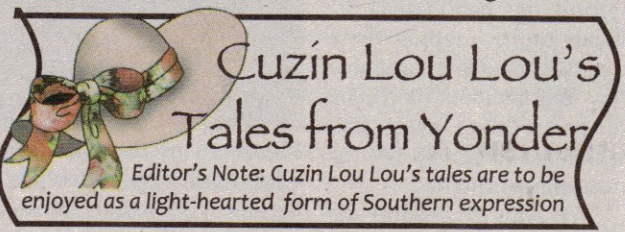
Thursday, Dec. 19 – Suspicious person reported at 318 Calhoun St (12:41 p.m.); Prowler reported on Caroline St (10:35 p.m.). Nineteen traffic stops resulted in four verbal warnings, seven written warnings, five citations, and three arrests.

Friday, Dec. 20 – Domestic disturbance reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (9:45 a.m.); Assault reported to police at the police department (10:24 p.m.). Eleven traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, six written warnings, and four citations.

Saturday, Dec. 21 – Vehicle accident reported at 1575 E Davis St (12:13 a.m.); Lost/Found Property reported at 610 N Troy Hwy (8:43 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on the downtown square (9:43 p.m.). No traffic stops recorded on this date.

Sunday, Dec. 22 – Fight reported at 1526 Edgewood Dr (4:41 a.m.);

Domestic disturbance reported at 975 Smith Ave (9:30 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 956 Washington Ave (1:40 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Gray St (2:18 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 839 Troy Hwy (11:13 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, and one written warning.



The Yonder Gang approached Christmastime a bit different this year... they enjoyed the 'six days of Christmas' leading up to Christmas Day!

The whole idea was Sister's, but Cuzin Lou Lou must give props where props are due. It was a great idea!

The Yonder Gang, like other families, often finds themselves getting caught up in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, especially Lou Lou. Schedules conflict, work requires extra hours, sickness hits, etc. Before anyone realizes it, days or weeks have passed without the family really stopping to enjoy each other.

Well...this year, Sister came up with the Yonder Gang's Six Days of Christmas where time would be devoted each day to family and fun leading up to Christmas. The gang enjoyed games, driving around looking at Christmas lights, seeing a Christmas movie at the theatre, watching Christmas movies together at home, baking and cooking together,

and shopping. Each event was filled with laughter and fun, but Lou Lou realized it was about more than laughter or fun. It was about family!

For six days, each member of the Yonder Gang set aside time to spend it with each other. It really didn't matter what the gang was doing. What mattered was they were doing it together!

The six days will most likely become a new holiday tradition for the Yonder Gang, but Lou Lou thinks it will be become more. Whether Sister set out to teach a lesson or not with the Six Days of Christmas, she taught Lou Lou one for sure.

No matter how busy life gets family and friends should always make time for one another. Real time. The kind of time where what matters most is who you have around you...not what you are doing. Thanks, Sister! You did good on this one!! Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

For unto us a Child is born...His name is Jesus! The greatest Christmas gift of all. We hope all our readers are enjoying a blessed Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

As 2024 nears its end, we want to take a moment to thank our the first responders in our area for all they do each and every day to keep our communities safe. From the law enforcement officers, to the firefighters and emergency medical personnel, we are blessed in this community and surrounding areas to have very dedicated first responders. We thank you for always answering the 'call for help' and doing all you do. It is a labor of love to do those things whether you are a paid employee or a volunteer, and we just want you to know your service and dedication do not go unnoticed! Again, thank you for all you do!!

If you have not driven through downtown Elba at night during the Christmas season, you are missing a beautiful sight. The square lit up with the Christmas decorations and the lights across the streets is a picturesque scene. We cannot help but smile each and every time we drive through at night. Our thought is always the same - our little town really is beautiful! We just need to slow down more often to take it in and enjoy it.

If you are hearing those familiar pops at night associated with fireworks, it is that time of year! Remember...if you purchase some fireworks and shoot them, be kind to those around you. In Elba, you could be asked to stop shooting fireworks if you become a nuisance to those around you. We think a good rule and considerate move would be to ask your neighbors first if they are okay with the fireworks before you shoot them. That way, you are less likely to bother others. Also, shoot the fireworks at decent times of the night rather than after most people have gone to bed.

While on the subject of fireworks, there is a fireworks store right here in Elba. T&T Fireworks is located across from the new Dollar General store in Elba on the Troy Highway. We know the folks operating this store and can vouch that they will treat you and yours "right" if you want to go shop for fireworks with them! We are gonna buy a few ourself and have a little fun over the holidays! Go see our friends at T&T and tell them we sent you. They also have a location in Kinston, Ala.



MASON OF THE YEAR...Brother Allan Crenshaw (right) was presented an award from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, for Mason of the Year, from Group IV. W/M Mike Amison presented the award Monday, Dec. 16, during the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 regular meeting held in Elba.

Photo by Harry Young

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The Elba Clipper office will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day. Due to the holiday, all news and advertising will be due by noon Monday, Dec. 30, for the Jan. 2nd edition of the newspaper.

Attend the Church of Your Choice This and Every Sunday!

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

GAIL RICHARDSON

Ms. Gail Richardson, age 64, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024, at her home in Elba.

Gail was born Sept. 1, 1960 in Coffee County to the late J. B. and Lizzar Miles Richardson. She was a graduate of Zion Chapel High School and Troy State University in Troy, Ala. She was a special education teacher for 25 years for the Butler County Board of Education, located in Greenville, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024, from Wise Mill Assembly of God Church with Rev. Dustin Wisecarver and Rev. Kenneth Hagler officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her cousins: Gussie (Jesse) Lee, Dothan, Ala.; Sue Locklar, Enterprise, Ala.; Sheila Miles, Elba, Sharon (Huey) Childs, Goshen, Ala.; Mary (Bobby) Poe, Brundidge, Ala.; Danny (Barbara) Miles, Glenwood, Ala.; Winzel Miles, Ider, Ala.; Winston Miles, Haines City, Fla.; and other extended family.

MYRNA ELIZABETH HANCOCK BELL

Mrs. Myrna Elizabeth Hancock Bell, age 92, of Montgomery, Ala., died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024.

She had received care for the past five years at Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation in Elba, Ala.

A family and friends visitation will be held Friday, Dec. 27, 2024, at 1 p.m., at White Chapel- Greenwood Funeral Home, 909 Lincoln Road, Montgomery, followed by a celebration of life chapel service at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Eastmont Baptist Church, 4505 Atlanta Hwy, Montgomery 36109, or to Faith Radio, 381 Mendel Pkwy, Montgomery, 36117-5741, or a charity of choice.

Myrna was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Ronald Morgan Scott and Larry Richard Scott; her loving husband of 51 years, Julian Davis Hancock; and her loving husband of over 10 years, James Roland Bell.

Survivors include her son: Michael David Hancock (Barbara), Milton, Fla.; her daughter: Michelle Hancock English (Paul Jr.), Enterprise, Ala.; five grandchildren: Tracy Hancock Yowell (Dr. Charles), Tallahassee, Fla.; Paul L. (Luke) III, Anniston, Ala.; David English, Warner Robins, Ga.; Cheryl Hancock Underwood (Shane), Harrison, Tenn.; Anne-Marie English Poland (Russell), Roswell, Ga.; 12 great-grandchildren: Whitney, Connor, Lindsey, Duncan, Alyssa, Audrey, Tristan, Maela,

Greyson, Mya, Charlotte, and Vivienne; sisters-in-law: Glenda White (Jack), Quincy, Fla.; Maria Cannon, Eastpoint, Fla.; and Helen Bell, Cumming, Ga.; along with many special nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be shared at: www.Whitechapel-GreenwoodFH.com

SONYA DENISE WILLIAMSON

Mrs. Sonya Denise Williamson, age 56, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, at her home in Elba.

Graveside services and burial were held Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024, from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Larry Mills officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Sonya was preceded in death by her father, Edlow Elkin Williamson, and mother, Shirley Bryant Williamson.

Survivors include her husband: Stevie Lamar Boutwell, Elba; brother: Tim (Tammy) Williamson, Troy, Ala.; nieces: Sydney Crider, Rainbow City, Ala.; Savannah Richards, Greensboro, NC; and many other family and friends.

Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule for Coffee County customers:

Coffee County Solid Waste customers are notified of the pickup schedule change for the holidays. This week, garbage routinely picked up on Wednesday will be picked up on Thursday, and garbage routinely picked up on Thursdays will be picked up on Friday. The same schedule applies for next week too.

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The Enduring Charm of Thank You Notes

As the festive lights dim and the holiday cheer settles, there's a timeless tradition that continues to weave threads of gratitude and connection - sending thank you notes. In a world where digital communication reigns, these little tokens of appreciation hold a special place, reminding us of the joy of acknowledging kindness and nurturing our community bonds.

The Importance of Acknowledgement:

A Personal Touch: In an era of instant messaging and emails, a handwritten thank you note stands out. It's a personal acknowledgment of someone's effort and kindness.

Fostering Community: Thank you notes go beyond mere etiquette; they are a way of nurturing relationships and strengthening community ties.

Reflecting and Appreciating: Writing these notes allows us to reflect on the good times shared and express gratitude, a practice that enhances our own well-being.

Choosing the Right Card:

Simple and Elegant: Opt for cards that are simple yet elegant. A plain card with a heartfelt message often speaks volumes.

Personalized Cards: If possible, choose cards that resonate with the personality of the recipient or the nature of the gift/event.

Eco-Friendly Options: Consider sustainable options like recycled paper or digital thank you notes for an eco-conscious choice.

Sample Wording Suggestions to help get you started:

For a Gift: "Dear [Name], your thoughtful gift truly made my holiday special. Thank you for your kindness and for always knowing how to make me smile."

For Hosting an Event: "Thank you, [Name], for opening your home and heart this holiday season. Your warmth and hospitality were the highlights of our festive celebrations."

For Friendship and Support: "In this season of gratitude, I'm reminded of how much your friendship means to me. Thank you for being there through thick and thin."

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COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance All Governmental Fund Types, Proprietary Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			CAPITAL PROJECTS	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUST		***TOTALS***
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE			MEMORANDUM ONLY		
REVENUES								
TAXES	9,413,091	914,589	0	0	0	0	0	10,327,571
LICENSES & PERMITS	54,423	2,100	0	0	0	0	0	56,523
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	2,580,937	7,439,097	0	0	0	0	0	10,019,033
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	2,032,646	224,169	0	0	9,465,502	31,543	0	11,753,959
MISCELLANEOUS	576,376	911,930	0	0	518,983	91,011	0	2,100,299
TOTAL REVENUES	14,059,473	9,490,876	0	0	9,984,485	122,554	0	34,257,488
EXPENDITURES								
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,100,039	2,856,614	0	0	0	25,511	0	7,962,364
PUBLIC SAFETY	7,000,399	174,162	0	0	0	0	0	7,174,562
HIGHWAYS AND ROADS	0	6,113,484	0	0	0	0	0	6,113,484
SANITATION	0	0	0	0	9,466,269	0	0	9,466,269
HEALTH	20,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,500
PUBLIC WELFARE	488,073	0	0	0	0	0	0	488,073
CULTURE AND RECREATION	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,000
EDUCATION	77,843	0	0	0	0	0	0	77,843
CAPITAL OUTLAY	4,388,197	3,321,987	0	0	1,369,389	0	0	9,101,562
DEBT SERVICE								
PRINCIPAL RETIREMENT	636,432	1,561,013	394,447	0	1,323,912	0	0	4,105,803
INTEREST	321,073	36,712	49,516	0	221,393	0	0	627,694
FEES AND OTHER CHARGES	2,750	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,750
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	153,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	153,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	19,396,296	14,064,170	432,963	0	12,430,993	25,511	0	45,349,903
EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(3,736,823)	(4,573,294)	(432,963)	0	(2,446,478)	97,143	0	(11,092,416)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
LOAN PROCEEDS	4,200,000	2,234,509	0	0	0	0	0	6,434,509
BOND PROCEEDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS	0	2,476,434	0	0	518,027	0	0	2,994,461
PROCEEDS FROM RECEPTION OF CAPITAL LEASE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	2,339,789	600,000	432,963	0	52,262	0	0	3,424,954
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(2,902,732)	(920,000)	0	0	(2,262)	0	0	(3,424,954)
OTHER USES								0
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	3,737,037	4,751,043	432,963	0	568,027	0	0	9,489,069
EXCESS REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) OTHER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	214	177,748	0	0	(1,878,451)	97,143	0	(1,603,346)
FUND BALANCE - 09/30/2023	1,789	4,348,597	0	0	(45,736)	515,455	0	4,820,085
FUND BALANCE- ENDING 09/30/2024	1,983	4,526,345	0	0	(1,924,187)	612,569	0	3,216,739

Detailed statements of individual fund revenue and expenditures are available for public inspection at the County Commission Office during regular hours Monday-Friday. The totals are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented merely to aid financial analysis. Information in this statement does not present the County's financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles; neither is data comparable to a consolidation of county funds; that is interfund elimination has not been used in totaling these figures. These figures represent unaudited data.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

2012 Refunding	1,223,734
Governmental Loans Payable to Banks	12,864,377
Landfill Loans Payable to Banks	3,441,540
Roll-Off Loans Payable to Banks	790,266
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Total Indebtedness	18,748,443

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Other: Valid Driver's License

Ability to be covered under the Authority's automobile policy
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Must complete drug and background screening.

Applications may be picked up at the

Samson Housing Authority Office:

12 North Wise Street, Samson, AL.
Monday-Thursday 7:30 am – 5:00 pm.
Friday 7:30 am – 11:30 am.

Deadline for submitting applications is

January 2, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

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LEGAL NOTICES:

Public Notices also are posted on the websites: www.elba-clipper.com and www.alabamapublicnotices.com at no extra charge (More Notices on Page 5)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE EXHUMATION / DISINTERMENT AND REINTERMENT OF CLARENCE THOMAS, DECEASED
CASE NO: CV-2024-900126

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: PHYLLIS THOMAS HERRING.

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Order Authorizing the Exhumation/Disinterment, Transfer, and Reinterment of the Earthly Remains of Clarence Thomas, Deceased, has been filed in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, (ENTERPRISE DIVISION) against you and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same within (30) days of last publication, which will be the 26th day of December 2024, or thereafter a default judgment may be entered against you. This the 27th day of November, 2024. /s/ Amy L. Reeves
Amy Reeves, Circuit Clerk
Coffee County, Alabama
12/5,12,19&26-chg.

IN THE MATTER OF MARY JEWEL ODOM, Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC-2024-051

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted the J.W. Odom on the 9th day of December 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 9th day of December 2024. J.W. Odom
Personal Representative
Matt Brunson
Attorney for Estate
12/12,19&26-PD

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Advanced Roofing Solutions, LLC, Contractor, has completed the Contract for Slocomb Elementary School, Samson Middle School, and Samson High School Reroof WSM #24-079 at 209 N Broad St, Samson, AL 36477 for the State of Alabama and the Geneva County Board of Education, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Ward

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Samson Housing Authority is now accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance Mechanic with benefits.

Minimum qualifications: High school graduate or GED certification that includes the ability to read and write in English plus 3 years of building or apartment maintenance work that included electrical, plumbing, and carpentry work, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
Other: Valid Driver's License
Ability to be covered under the Authority's automobile policy
Must complete drug and background screening.

Applications may be picked up at the

Samson Housing Authority Office:

12 North Wise Street, Samson, AL.
Monday-Thursday 7:30 am – 5:00 pm.
Friday 7:30 am – 11:30 am.

Deadline for submitting applications is

January 2, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

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1001 30th Ave
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12/12,19&26-chg.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF GENEVA

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by DANA BLANCO, an unmarried individual and MANUEL CASAREZ, an unmarried individual, on November 10, 2022, to First National Bank of Hartford, which mortgage is recorded in OR Book 1189 Page 381, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, the undersigned, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the said mortgage will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the main entrance of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama, on **January 16, 2025** during the legal hours of sale the following real estate situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to wit:

A parcel of land containing one-half acre, more or less, in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-One, Township Two, Range Twenty-three, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North right of way line of a Geneva County paved farm to market road running in an Easterly and Westerly direction from Hendrix store Westerly to old Geneva-Newton Public Road (Also known as the Old River Road) which said farm to market road has thereon a sign F.A.S. 986 (1), a distance of 125 feet East of the intersection of the North right of way line of said road with the West line of Section Twenty-One, and from said point of beginning 125 feet East of the Section line running along the North right of way line of said Geneva County paved farm to market road which extends in a Westerly direction from Hendrix Store, a distance of 70 yards; thence running North 35 yards; thence running West 70 yards; and thence running South 35 yards, more or less, to the starting point. Said parcel of land being in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-one, Township Two North, Range Twenty-Three East, in Geneva County, and containing one-half acre, more or less.

Property Address: 1539 County Road 36, Hartford, AL 36344

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto

belonging. Said property will be sold on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis

subject to the right of way easements and restrictions of record in the Probate Office of Geneva County, Alabama, and will be subject to existing special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. **Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.** FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HARTFORD Mortgagee

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Attorney for Mortgagee
12/26,1/2&9-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Jessica Paige Bassett, Deceased
CASE NO.: PR-2024-193

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Christina Seidel on the 18th day of December, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate
12/26,1/2&9-pd

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'For Every Body' campaign seeks to address key health challenges for Alabamians

The Alabama Wellness Alliance (AWA) announces the "For Every Body" campaign, which encourages healthy lifestyle behaviors and access to resources for all Alabamians, regardless of age, race, size or ability level.

The campaign includes social media graphics and messages that can be utilized to increase awareness of the Alabama Physical Activity and Nutrition Plan (ALPAN), promote state and local events, promote healthy behaviors, encourage use of community resources, and much more.

AWA member Lita Chatham said, "Everyone can take small steps towards better health. The 'For Every Body' campaign

encourages participation in healthy lifestyle behaviors such as eating more fruits and vegetables, drinking water, and being physically active in ways you enjoy."

The "For Every Body" campaign toolkit provides information on health promotions and observances. The public is invited to view and utilize the campaign toolkit and materials at <https://www.alabama-publichealth.gov/awa/every-body.html>

The Alabama Wellness Alliance is a volunteer membership organization that seeks to create a healthier Alabama through advocacy, environmental changes and programs to support and promote healthy lifestyles.



Mark William Davis was initiated Monday, Dec. 16, into Elba Masonic Lodge #170 at the organization's regular meeting. Everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship, and work. Those present were: (front row) Eddie Kelley, W/M Mike Amison, Ray Kyle, Ashton Davis, Mark William Davis, Zachery Spann, Jessie Hilton, Blake Miller, Duran McNeil, Larry Shaw, Matt Brunson Jr., and Drexell Richards; (middle row) Daniel Stephens, Matt Brunson Sr., Dale Stewart, Wendell Black, Tim Marler, Steve Dewberry, Jimmy Beasley, Troy Gideon III, Allan Crenshaw, Mike Murphy, Jerome Blackmon, and Thomas McBride; and (back) PGM Tommy Morrow.

LEGAL NOTICES: (Continued from Page 4)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. CV-2015-900033

STATE OF ALABAMA, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
MIGUEL MALDONADO-MORALES, DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION

Miguel Maldonado-Morales, whose whereabouts are unknown must Answer the Complaint filed in this civil action for forfeiture of property seized by the Hartford Police Department on or about January 10, 2015, pursuant to §20-2-93(a)(4) of Code of Alabama (1975) by the 21st day of February, 2025, or thereafter, a Judgement of Default may be entered against him in the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama.

Done and dated this 6th day of December, 2024.
/s/ Ashley Powell
Ashley Powell, Circuit Clerk

State of Alabama
Office of the District Attorney
Post Office Box 247
Geneva, Alabama 36340
334-684-3697
12/12,19,26 & 1/2-chg.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

IN MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OTHO HOLMES, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO. PR-2024-196

Letter Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of December, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
/s/ Phyllis Helms
Phyllis Helms, Co-Personal Representative
/s/ Deborah Lee
Deborah Lee, Co-Personal Representative
12/12,19&26 -pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Johnny Gayther McNair, Deceased
CASE NO. PR-2024-201

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Johnny Gayther McNair, deceased, having been granted to Sherry McNair, Personal Representative, on the 5th day of December, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
300 E. Lee Street
Enterprise, AL 36330
(334)393-5146
12/12,19&26-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Jeanora Anderson, Deceased
Case No: 24-839

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE, that Letters of Administration having been granted to Rayna Loria Anderson, as Administrator of the Estate of Jeanora Anderson, deceased, on the 4 day of Dec., 2024, by Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge
12/12,19&26-pd

IN PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA (ENTERPRISE DIVISION)

IN THE MATTER OF: The Estate of BRADLEY CARTER TAYLOR, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-190

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said Deceased having been granted the JENEE TAYLOR, Personal Representative, on the 4th day of December, 2024 by the HONORABLE JODEE R. THOMPSON, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. DONE this, the 4th day of December, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
JODEE R. THOMPSON, Probate Judge
12/12,19& 26-pd

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CUPIDEAN T. CLARK, (A.K.A. CUPIDEAN TAYLOR CLARK), DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO. PR-2024-199

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of December, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
/s/ Frank J. Clark, Jr

Frank J. Clark Jr., Co-Personal Representative
/s/ Stephenson T. Clark
Stephenson T. Clark
Co-Personal Representative
12/12,19&26-pd

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK J. CLARK, (A.K.A. FRANK JACOB CLARK SR.), DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO. PR-2024-200

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of December, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
/s/ Frank J. Clark, Jr.
Frank J. Clark, Jr., Co-Personal Representative
/s/ Stephenson T. Clark
Stephenson T. Clark
Co-Personal Representative
12/12,19&26-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PEGGY CLINANS SMITH, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR-2024-208

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Peggy Clinans Smith, deceased, having been granted to Carla Franklin, Personal Representative, on the 16th day of December, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
300 E. Lee Street
Enterprise, AL 36330
(334) 393-5146
12/19,26&1/2-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of: Louise Agnes Dubose Robinson
Deceased

Case No. PR-2024-183

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Take NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Martina Hornsby-Pollard, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Louise Agnes Dubose Robinson, deceased, on the 11th day of December, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee

R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
12/19,26,&1/2-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of: Joe Nathan Robinson
Deceased

Case No. PR-2024-182

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Take NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Martina Hornsby-Pollard, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Joe Nathan Robinson, deceased, on the 11th day of December, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
12/19,26,&1/2-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL SHANNON ANDERSON, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2024-204

TAKE NOTICE

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Mary Sue Watson Anderson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael Shannon Anderson, deceased, on the 11th day of December, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
12/19,26&1/2-pd.

SECTION 00020 INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba, Alabama will receive bids for the Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-1, VIII; AL107-2, IX; AL107-3, X; AL107-4, VIII; AL107-5, X and AL107-6, IX, AL09-P107-501-24 until 2:00 p.m., (Central Time) on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at the central office of the Authority, 1207 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama 36323 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of furnishing all plant, labor, materials, equipment and all services and performing and coordinating all operations for the Modernization

of Public Housing Sites AL107-1, VIII; AL107-2, IX; AL107-3, X; AL107-4, VIII; AL107-5, X and AL107-6, IX, HUD Modernization Number AL09-P107-501-24. The Work of the base bid shall include, but is not necessarily limited to the renovations of limited number of bathrooms including installation of showers, replacement of toilets, lavatories, accessories, painting, subfloors in limited houses, painting, site cameras, and work incidental thereto. Attention and reference are directed to the General Notes of the drawings, Contract documents, including specifications, are on file at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba, 1207 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama 36323 and The Architectural Office of William J. Peek, 908 S. Hull St., Suite 210, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Copies of contract documents may be obtained by depositing \$200.00 with The Architectural Office of William J. Peek for each set of documents so obtained. Each such deposit will be refunded if the drawings and specifications are returned in good condition within ten days after bid opening. Plans and specifications will be issued only to qualified contractors licensed by the State Licensing Board of General Contractors of Alabama as required by Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. Only bids of such contractors who are duly licensed will be considered. Current license number must be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid WILL NOT be accepted.

Bidders are requested to inspect the property and the buildings themselves, as well as operations and conditions that may be affected. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety company in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Acceptable Surety Companies are listed in the current issue of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Circular 570. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the

minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Contractors are reminded that in accordance with State Law, Alabama General Contractor's licensing number shall be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid will not be accepted. Each bid must include the Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders, 1992 Edition, Non-Collusive Affidavit and the Previous Participation Certificate signed by the bidder and on the correct HUD forms.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Elba for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing them and investigating the qualifications of the bidders, prior to awarding the contract.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba
By: Laurie Chapman
Title: Executive Director
12/26&1/2-chg

COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

The Coffee County Board of Education's FY2024 Accountability Reports are available for public view. The available reports are (1) Financial Report, (2) School Safety and Discipline Report and (3) Student Achievement Report. The Financial Report and the School Safety and Discipline Report are accessible at the Board's Central Office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, as well as at each of our schools. The reports may also be viewed via the district's website, www.coffeecountyschools.org. The Student Achievement Report may be accessed at the ALSDE's website (www.alsde.edu) under the Data Center, Assessment Reports.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It isn't easy to buy a Christmas present for a grandson that already has just about everything a two-year-old could want and a teenage grandson that just shrugs his shoulders and says he is fine. However, we headed out shopping last week with all the other folks that waited until the last minute to get that final gift and somehow survived with at least a little Christmas spirit left in our hearts. Now it is past time for a nap!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers will host* the third annual Pea River Christmas Classic this week and the event promises three days filled with action on the Elba High court. The Tigers will carry a 1-2 record into the event after a narrow loss last week to Goshen, and while the Tigers are off to a slow start, they are as athletic as any team they will take the court against and as they get into the swing should be a team to keep an eye in a very tough area that includes defending 1A state champ Georgiana and perennial power Brantley. The Lady Tigers will bring a perfect 2-0 slate into the event and like the boys need to get in as much playing time as possible before the area schedule swings into action in the coming weeks. The Lady Tigers have one of the quickest teams around and use their defense to set up their offense, and should only get better as they get more time on the court. The schedule for the event is included in this week's sports section, and I urge all high school basketball fans to come out and support their favorite teams.

*** *The biggest news of the young season* has to be the fast starts of both the Brantley Bulldogs and the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. Brantley upped its record to 9-0 last week with three big wins at its own tournament and

have a team that includes one of the state's top players in Jayden Parks and a roster that is loaded with talent and depth. Kinston is one of the youngest teams around and has no seniors in its starting line-up, but owned a perfect 14-0 record at the holiday break and is the surprise team in the area, if not the state. As for the other area teams, on the boys side New Brockton is beginning to settle in and showed its potential last week with an impressive win over defending 1A state champ Georgiana, while Zion Chapel and Kinston both have solid teams that are more than capable of beating anyone on their schedules on any given night. As for the girls, New Brockton has overcome its slow start and looked like the team we expected in wins last week over Luverne and Georgiana, while Brantley is a dangerous team that is still looking for an identity and Zion Chapel has a team that plays hard every night and is improving, as was evident in last week's win over 4A Opp. There is a lot of exciting basketball left on the schedules this season, and the best is yet to come!

*** *The University of Alabama has long boasted* one of the wealthiest athletic departments in all the nation, but apparently only one year removed from the successes both on and off the field of former football coach Nick Saban, the Crimson Tide is all of the sudden afraid to look at its bank account and last week saw its athletic director send out an email to many Tide fans urging them to 'fight back' and donate money to the school's NIL entity to make its athletic teams more competitive with other teams that go shopping in the portal almost every day. The membership in the Alabama NIL provider ranges from a low of \$18 per month for non-students to a high of \$150 per month. Hey, fans can even purchase a youth Alabama polo shirt for only \$175 to show their support. The emails weren't well received by many Tide fans, some of which called the fund-raiser 'laughable' and 'sad.' Alabama had plenty of money to pay Coach Saban and fund his improvements to the football program, but even in the new world of college athletics when some players make almost as much as the coaches, the Tide's newest fund-raiser makes the school look desperate to keep up. One state sportswriter suggested the school could raise money by selling footballs autographed by

Coach Kalen DeBoer, since they would probably be a collector's item in just a couple of years. I have made my feelings know many times about the folks in charge up in Tuscaloosa, and I am still convinced that unless changes are made sooner than later the 'Crimson' will continue to fade away.

*** *The new version of the College Football Playoffs* began last week and just as expected all the games were duds. SMU and Indiana proved they were just average, at best, and only made the playoffs in an attempt to make the games more interesting to the fans of teams across the nation that weren't perennial powers, while Clemson and Tennessee were deserving, but nowhere close to being as good as their teams in the past. The second round will include two other teams with no business in the playoffs in Boise State and Arizona State, both of which received byes to insure that not all the 'Cinderella' teams that received invitations got ousted in round one. Last weekend reminded me of the opening round of the NCAA basketball playoffs when teams that had no chance of winning the title got beat up on, but left happy with a little money in their pockets. The college football playoffs are now all about money and equality for all teams, no matter their true skill levels, and as for me, they can have it.

*** *In closing...* I read an article about old-time Christmases one day last week and it brought back memories of going to our Mamaw and Papaw's house in Sandy Ridge. The tree was always freshly cut and would be either fir or pine, and just the odor produced by the trees was more than enough to get everyone in the true Christmas mood. There were never many presents under the tree. However, it made little difference since all the family would squeeze into the two-bedroom house and enjoy the family and fellowship that was non-stop between our grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins, and many times as many as four of us kids would sleep in the same bed and share stories and wishes for gifts while the light of the old gas heater would light up the room. I know we still make new cherished memories every day with family and friends, but for me the 'good ole days' will always be a memory that will last forever.

Elba Tigers dump Dale County 53-50

The Elba Tigers claimed their first victory of the young season with an exciting 53-50 road win over the Dale County Warriors, last Monday night in Midland City.

Elba jumped out to a 9-0 lead midway through the opening quarter behind the scoring punch of Jay Wilson and Trai Davis, but saw Dale County close to within 9-5 with 2:22 left in the quarter before the Tigers rallied late and used an inside basket by Emmanuel Cooks and a driving lay-up by Javante Griggs to carry a 14-7 lead into quarter number two.

Elba upped its lead to 20-10 with 4:49 remaining in the second quarter on a short jumper by Jihaad Wood and appeared ready to take command, only to see the Warriors battle back and cut the lead to 22-18 with 43-seconds left on the clock, but the Tigers Javante Griggs connected on a long three-pointer at the buzzer as Elba carried a 25-18 lead in at intermission.

Emmanuel Cooks battled inside and scored five points in the third quarter to keep the Tigers on top. However, his Tiger teammates managed only two baskets in the stanza and heading into the fourth

quarter Elba's lead was down to 34-31.

Elba connected on only 6 of 12 free-throw opportunities in the final quarter to allow Dale County to stay close, but Trai Davis scored five points in the stanza, including a big three-pointer, as the Tigers survived to leave with the exciting 53-50 win.

Trai Davis scored 11 points and Javante Griggs added 9 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Emmanuel Cooks 7, Jay Wilson 6, Zavion Williams 5, Jihaad Wood 5, Matthew McCart 4, Cassidy Carpenter 3 and Johnathan Edwards 3.

Junior Smith scored 23 points lead the Warriors. (JV Boys)

The Elba Tigers dropped their second straight decision with a 46-30 road loss to the Dale County Warriors. The Tigers trailed only 22-15 at the half, but were outscored 15-4 in the third quarter as the deficit grew to 37-19, and never recovered to take the loss.

Laquatos Edwards scored 14 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Levi Martin 8, Easton McKelvy 6, Kyavian Stoudemire 1 and Powell Bane 1.

Tigers fall late to Goshen 49-46

The Elba Tigers took part in the annual Tony Stallworth Invitational Basketball Tournament last week at Brantley High School and fell to the Goshen Eagles 49-46, in opening night action.

Javante Griggs scored 5 points and Tyceson Davis drained a long three-pointer to help the Tigers pull out to a slim 15-13 first quarter advantage, while Trai Davis scored 4 points in the second stanza as Elba went in at intermission with a 25-22 lead.

Davis added 4 points in the third quarter. However, his Tiger teammates were only able to match his point output as Elba carried a 33-32 lead into the final stanza. The Tigers remained on top for much of the quarter behind the scoring of Griggs, but connected on only 1 of 4

free throws in the stanza and watched as the Eagles pulled ahead late and held on to hand the Tigers the 49-46 loss.

Javante Griggs and Trai Davis scored 13 points, apiece, to lead the Tigers, while Tyceson Davis added 7 points, Zavion Williams added 3 points, and Johnathan Edwards, Jay Wilson, Laquatos Edwards and Matthew McCart all scored 2 points.

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Pea River Classic set for Dec.26-28 at Elba

The third annual 'Pea River Christmas Classic' high school basketball tournament will be held on Thursday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 28, at the Elba High School gym.

A total of eight boy's teams and four girl's teams will participate in the annual tournament, with four boy's games and two girl's games on tap the first two days of the tournament, and three boy's games and two girl's games set for the final day of action.

"The tournament has become a popular event for area teams and this year's field will make it another exciting tournament," said Elba Tiger head coach Harry Griffin. "Opp and G.W. Long will both play

two games, while T.R. Miller, Highland Home, Brantley, Pike Liberal Arts, Zion Chapel and Elba will play all three days in the boy's division. In the girl's bracket, T.R. Miller, Highland Home, Pike Liberal Arts and Elba will all play every day of the tournament."

While games are scheduled on a rotating basis and it may not be possible to name an actual winner in the boy's division, a tournament champion and runner-up will be named based upon a tie-breaking procedure. The four teams in the girl's bracket will all play each other, making it possible to name a tournament champion.

Pea River Christmas Classic Schedule of Play

Thursday, Dec. 26

12:30 – (Boys) T.R. Miller vs. Highland Home

2:00 – (Boys) Brantley vs. Zion Chapel

3:30 – (Girls) Elba vs. Pike Liberal Arts

5:00 – (Boys) Elba vs. Pike Liberal Arts

Friday, Dec. 27

11:00 – (Boys) G.W. Long vs. Pike Liberal Arts

12:30 – (Girls) Highland

Home vs. Pike Liberal Arts

2:00 – (Boys) Highland

Home vs. Zion Chapel

3:30 – (Girls) Elba v. T.R. Miller

5:00 – (Boys) Elba v. T.R. Miller

Saturday, Dec. 28

11:00 – (Boys) Zion Chapel vs. Pike Liberal Arts

12:30 – (Girls) T.R. Miller vs. Pike Liberal Arts

2:00 – (Boys) T.R. Miller vs. Brantley

3:30 – (Girls) Elba vs. Highland Home

5:00 – (Boys) Elba vs. Highland Home

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Lady Tigers ambush Lady Warriors 60-35

The Elba Lady Tigers made it two wins in-a-row to open the season with a convincing 60-35 road win over the Dale County Lady Warriors, last Monday night in Midland City.

Elba's A'Lyric Whitfield and Ana Caldwell combined for 30 points in the first quarter to help the Lady Tigers jump out to a 16-2 lead, and the senior duo of Whitfield and Caldwell kept it up in the second quarter as they combined for 11 points as Elba carried a big 33-11 lead in at the half.

The game slowed down in the third quarter and Dale County staged a mild rally to pull within 45-26.

However, the Lady Tigers never lost command and A'Lyric Whitfield added 13 points in the final stanza and hit 8 of 8 free-throws, as Elba rolled to the big 60-35 road win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 30 points and Ana Caldwell added 11 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Alayvia Stinson 4, Nyasia McCollough 4, Malaysia Williams 3, Ayrika Caldwell 3 and Sydney Siler 2.

Jaslyn Smith scored 21 points to lead Dale County.

Elba will compete this week in the Pea River Classic and will play three games in three days.

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SPORTS NEWS

Elba and Kinston both ranked in state 1A poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its first high school basketball poll of the season with five defending state champions atop the poll.

In the girls standings, 7A Hoover, 4A Good Hope and 1A Spring Garden were all ranked number one, while among the boys 7A Hoover and 4A Fairfield were listed atop the rankings.

The girls standings include the Kinston Lady Bulldogs at number four and the Elba Lady Tigers at number seven in Class 1A, while on the boys side the standings include the Enterprise Wildcats at the number ten spot in 7A.

Following is a list of the 'Top 5' teams in all seven classifications, as well as area teams included in the initial poll:

GIRLS

Class 7A – 1. Hoover, 2. Hillcrest Tuscaloosa, 3. Vestavia Hills, 4. Auburn, 5. Foley. **Class 6A** – 1. Park Crossing, 2. Hazel Green, 3. Chelsea, 4. Mortimer Jordan, 5. Hartselle. **Class 5A** – 1. Scottsboro, 2. Ramsay, 3. Moody, 4. Guntersville, 5. Wenonah. **Class 4A** – 1. Good Hope, 2. Trinity, 3. Pleasant Grove, 4. Plainview, 5. Deshler, (9) Geneva. **Class 3A** – 1. Lauderdale County, 2. St. James, 3. Hale County, 4. Mars Hill Bible, 5. Glencoe, (10) Wicksburg. **Class 2A** – 1. Decatur Heritage, 2. Winston County, 3. Lexington, 4. Cold Springs, 5. Sand Rock (8) Abbeville. **Class 1A** – 1. Spring Garden, 2. Ider, 3. Winterboro, 4. Kinston, 5. Marion County, (7) Elba.

BOYS

Class 7A – 1. Hoover, 2. Huntsville, 3. Central Phenix City, 4. Hillcrest Tuscaloosa, 5. James Clemens (8) Dothan, (10) Enterprise. **Class 6A** – 1. Clay Chalkville, 2. Huffman, 3. Cullman, 4. Oxford, 5. Mountain Brook. **Class 5A** – 1. Ramsay, 2. Wenonah, 3. Williamson, 4. Guntersville, 5. Selma, (7) Carroll, (9) Andalusia. **Class 4A** – 1. Fairfield, 2. Madison Academy, 3. Plainview, 4. Good Hope, 5. Jackson. **Class 3A** – 1. Midfield, 2. Montgomery Academy, 3. Hale County, 4. Hillcrest Evergreen, 5. Mars Hill Bible. **Class 2A** – 1. Section, 2. Pisgah, 3. Providence Christian, 4. Abbeville, 5. Decatur Heritage, (10) G.W. Long. **Class 1A** – 1. Skyline, 2. Oakwood, 3. Georgiana, 4. Spring Garden, 5. Pleasant Home, (6) Florala, (8) McKenzie.



Brantley Bulldog Carson Rutledge (5) goes high to lay in a two-pointer in a recent win. Brantley upped its record to 9-0 last week with three wins at the Tony Stallworth Invitational.



Zion Chapel Lady Rebel fights for a loose ball in recent high school basketball action.

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KINSTON LADY BULLDOGS carried a perfect 14-0 record and a number four ranking in the latest state high school basketball polls heading into the holiday break.

ROUNDBALL ROUND-UP

VARSITY BOYS:

Ariton 51 Zion Chapel 49 – The Zion Chapel Rebels saw a last-second shot fail to drop in a hard fought 51-49 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Brodie Stinson scored 18 points and Kavan Brown added 10 to lead the Rebels, while Easton Kilpatrick scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and Addison Senn added 13 points to lead the Purple Cats.

Goshen 61 Kinston 51 – The Kinston Bulldogs continued their early-season struggles on the court in a 61-51 loss to the Goshen Eagles. Tucker Marler scored 15 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Zavory Stanley added 14 and Colby Tew and JD Hart both added 8 points. JuMari Flowers scored 27 points to lead the Eagles.

Dale County 61 Zion Chapel 49 – The Zion Chapel Rebels dropped a 61-49 decision to the Dale County Warriors. Joseph LeGear scored 15 points and Brodie Stinson added 12 to lead the Rebels, while Maddox Weed, Jayden McGhee and Junior Smith all scored 15 points for the Warriors.

Kinston 59 Pike Lib 52 – The Kinston Bulldogs rallied from a 15-point halftime deficit to stun the Pike Lib Patriots 59-52. The Bulldogs trailed 32-17 at the half, but pulled within 41-39 in the third quarter and then pulled away late to claim the exciting win. Colby Tew and Jon Simmons scored 19 points, apiece, to lead the Bulldogs, while Zavory Stanley added 14. Sawyer Keck led Pike Lib with 16 points.

Luverne 53 New Brockton 47 – The New Brockton Gamecocks lost at home to the Luverne Tigers 53-47. Anthony Silar scored 22 points and pulled down 7 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks.

Brantley 93 J.F. Shields 65 – The Brantley Bulldogs lit up the scoreboard in an impressive 93-65 win over the J.F. Shields Panthers. Jayden Parks scored 32 points, handed out 12 assists, grabbed 8 rebounds and had 3 steals to lead the Bulldogs, while Harper Kilcrease added 19 points and Julius Sylvester scored 17 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and blocked 5 shots.

Opp 62 Zion Chapel 38 – The Zion Chapel Rebels couldn't get their shots to drop in a 62-38 loss to the Opp Bobcats. DJ Hines scored 18 points, pulled down 21 rebounds and handed out 7 assists to lead the Bobcats, while Jeshurun Crittenden added 15 points.

Samson 57 Zion Chapel 46 – The Zion Chapel Rebels dropped a 57-46 decision to the Samson Tigers. Brodie Stinson scored 24 points and Joseph LeGear added 12 to lead the Rebels, while Brodi Mock led the Tigers with 18 points.

Bethlehem 57 Kinston 34 – The Kinston Bulldogs never got rolling on the offensive end of the court in a 57-34 loss to the Bethlehem Wildcats. Colby Tew scored 12 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Jon Simmons added 9 and Judd Green scored 8.

Brantley 82 Pike Lib 66 – The Brantley Bulldogs came out on top in an 82-66 shootout with the Pike Lib Patriots. Jayden Parks scored 47 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Daylan Davis added 12 points and 8 rebounds.

New Brockton 73 Georgiana 62 – The New Brockton Gamecocks used a second half surge to stun the defending 1A state champion Georgiana Panthers. Anthony Silar scored 20 points and grabbed 18 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks, while Myles Tillis added 16 points, Josiah Lewis added 14 and Baylon Foster scored 10.

Brantley 70 Alabama Christian 57 – The Brantley Bulldogs made it three straight wins at the Tony Stallworth Invitational with a 70-57 victory over the Alabama Christian Eagles. Jayden Parks scored 30 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Harper Kilcrease added 12 and Julius Sylvester scored 11 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

VARSITY GIRLS:

Ariton 48 Zion Chapel 19 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dropped a 48-19 decision to the Ariton Lady Cats. Shea Wambles scored 10 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Nya Allen led the Lady Cats with 17 points.

Kinston 60 Goshen 14 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back in a lopsided 60-14 romp past the Goshen Lady Eagles. Allyx Williamson scored 21 points and Lauren Norris added 16 to lead Kinston to its twelfth straight win.

Dale County 47 Zion Chapel 28 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels battled for all four quarters in a 47-28 loss to the Dale County Lady Warriors. Jaslyn Smith scored 29 points and grabbed 20 rebounds to lead Dale County, while Bre Wilkerson added 9 points and 8 rebounds.

New Brockton 61 Luverne 52 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks lit up the scoreboard in an impressive 61-52 win over the Luverne Lady Tigers. Kiana Schmitz scored 17 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Ariana Smith added 11, Casey Williams 10 and Gabby Eubanks 8. Jameria Green scored 23 points to lead the Lady Tigers.

Andalusia 36 New Brockton 29 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks dropped a hard fought 36-29 decision to the Andalusia Lady Bulldogs.

Kinston 53 Pike Lib 7 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs dominated from start to finish in a lopsided 53-7 win over the Pike Lib Lady Patriots. Camdyn Norris scored 13 points to lead the undefeated Lady Bulldogs, while Allyx Williamson added 12 points, Maggie Martin added 10 and Aubrey Norris scored 9.

Zion Chapel 34 Opp 32 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels pulled off an exciting 34-32 upset win over the Opp Lady Bobcats. Dionna Stoudemire and Saniyah Hines both scored 8 points to lead the Lady Bobcats.

New Brockton 51 Florala 12 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks made it look easy in a 51-12 romp past the Florala Lady Wildcats. Kiana Schmitz scored 11 points and Gabby Eubanks added 9 to lead the Lady Gamecocks.

Samson 37 Zion Chapel 26 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dropped a 37-26 decision to the Samson Lady Tigers. Shea Wambles scored 14 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Ally Zorn scored 13 points and grabbed 5 rebounds and Emma Somrude added 12 points and 8 rebounds to lead the Lady Tigers.

New Brockton 63 Georgiana 53 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks posted an impressive 63-53 win over the Georgiana Lady Panthers. Kiani Schmitz scored 26 points and Ariana Smith added 15 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks.

Kinston 60 Bethlehem 31 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs remained undefeated with a solid 60-31 victory over the Bethlehem Lady Wildcats. Allyx Williamson scored 20 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Maggie Martin added 17 and Lauren Norris scored 9.

JV BOYS:

Dale County 38 Zion Chapel 29 – The Zion Chapel Rebels dropped a 38-29 decision to the Dale County Warriors. Trent Elrod scored 8 points to lead the Rebels, while Aidan Weed scored 11 points to lead the Warriors.

Opp 44 Zion Chapel 33 – The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters in a 44-33 loss to the Opp Bobcats. Parker Burgess scored 19 points to lead the Bobcats.

Kinston 30 Bethlehem 29 – The Kinston Bulldogs posted an exciting 30-29 win over the Bethlehem Wildcats. Triston Kilpatrick scored 10 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Parker Weeks and JD Weeks added 8 points, apiece.

Samson 40 Zion Chapel 33 – The Zion Chapel Rebels dropped a 40-33 decision to the Samson Tigers. Jordan Ratton scored 19 points to lead the Tigers and Jesse Yeomans added 12.

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What does the Bible say about... Forgiveness of Sins?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"Forgive all my sins" and "cleanse me from my sin" (Psalm 25:18; 51:2). "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (Matthew 6:12).

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15).

"Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do'" (Luke 23:34).

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14).

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

Since sin is real, and separates one from God (Isaiah 59:1-2), everyone should be interested in how to be forgiven of sin. As stated above David often wrote about being forgiven of sin in the book of Psalms. There are

many other references both in the Old and New Testaments.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

The gift of God is the forgiveness of sin that God provided for everyone through the gift of His son to die as a sacrifice on that old rugged cross.

This gift of God must be received according to the conditions given in God's word. For a gift to be a gift it must have a giver and a receiver. God is the giver, and we receive it by obedience to His commands. These commands, or conditions, are faith (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6); repentance (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38); confession of faith (Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:37; Romans 10:9-10); baptism (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21); and a faithful Christian life (Revelation 2:10; Matthew 10:22).

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This Day

The angel announced, "Unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour." [Luke 2:11].

Of course, we do not know exactly what day this day was. We are not certain that Jesus was born on December 25, or for that matter, in the month of December. That, of course, is not really important.

We have set aside a day to honor Christ's birth. What is important is that we use the day to honor Him. We call this particular day Christmas; however, British writer Dorothy Sayers once suggested that we should call it Wishmas. She claimed that in fact this had already occurred and that Wishmas had superseded the commemoration of Christmas. It was marked, she said, by "the exchange of cards, bearing wishes for the recipient's material prosperity and frequently adorned with ice, snow, holy and other polar symbols." She also noted that the day was characterized by "factitious heartiness and family friction." Is it really true that the holiday known as Christmas is more correctly described as wishmas? Has it lost

its spiritual and Christian significance? No doubt it has for many – one liquor company erected a huge billboard of Christmas right across the street from a church. The billboard showed a picture of a bottle of whiskey and declared "the spirit of Christmas!"

If we cannot turn wishmas back to Christmas nationally, or even locally, we can make certain we do so in our own hearts and homes. We can make certain that, at least for us and our families, "this day, indeed, every day, will always honor Christ.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 12/26/24

Q: Who was the Roman Caesar at the time of Jesus' birth?

A: Augustus [Luke 2:1]

Q: Who was told that he would not die till he saw the Lord's Christ?

A: Simeon [Luke 2:25,26]

Q: What did he do when he saw Joseph and Mary with Jesus in the Temple?

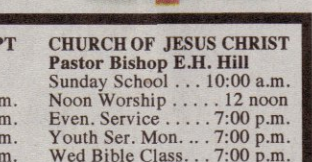
A: He took the child in his arms and praised God [Luke 2:27,28]

Questions for the Week of 1/2/25

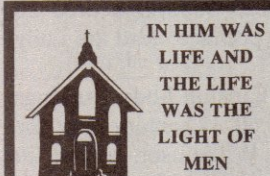
Q: What three phenomena occurred when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost?

Q: The Apostle Peter said the event of the Pentecost was spoken of by what prophet?

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
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Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE
METHODIST CHURCH**
Renonita Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH**
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**COVENANT COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" ... 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**EAON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
OF PROPHECY**
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE**
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy James, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD -
KINSTON**
Denny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL**
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

**INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Danny Branch, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shad Fuller, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st
BAPT CHURCH**
Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF
CHRIST**
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Dewey Endlinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors
Sunday School... 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Time... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST**
Loreal Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNIT-
ED METHODIST CHURCH**
Lee Jones, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF
GOD**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE ASSEM-
BLY OF GOD - SAMSON**
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**PRATHE & GLORY
WORSHIP CENTER**
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B.
CHURCH**
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kerry Saxon, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME
CHURCH**
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

**THE WAY OF HOLINESS
CHURCH, Elba**
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

**TRINITY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
James Preachers, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

**VANDERBILT HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

**VICTORIA BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**WESTSIDE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**WHITEWATER BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Lucas Taylor, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**WISE MILL ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Dustin Wiscarever, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**WOODLAND GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**WOOTEN CHAPEL
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
CHURCH**
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

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